

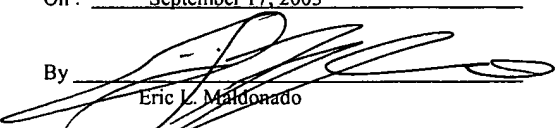
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As this statement is being filed prior to any action having the effect of closing prosecution in the present application, \$180.00 accompanies this document in accordance with 37CFR §§1.97(c) and 1.17(p).

Also attached is a copy of a European Search Report dated March 27, 2003 from the corresponding European Patent Application. All of the documents listed in Form PTO- 1449 appear in the European Search Report.

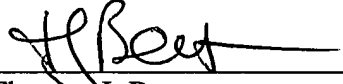
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